

**Annual Branch Retreat
Infections and Immunoepidemiology Branch
Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics
National Cancer Institute**

Thursday, October 22, 2009

**The Tea House
Gambrill State Park
Middletown, MD**

8:30 – 9:00 AM Breakfast

Branch Activities

9:00 – 9:45 AM Summary of Branch Activities [Allan Hildesheim]

9:45 – 10:30 AM Group Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM Group Discussion (Continued)

11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch

Afternoon Presentations will focus on discussion of specific new areas where opportunities might exist for the Branch

1:00 – 1:30 PM Head & Neck Cancers and its Precursors [Leaders: Anil Chaturvedi & Aimee Kreimer]

1:30 – 2:00 PM Tissue-Based Tumor Marker Studies [Leaders: Eric Engels & Jill Koshiol]

2:00 – 2:30 PM Gastric Cancer & its Precursors [Leader: Charles Rabkin]

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 – 3:15 PM Studies of Early Childhood Events [Leaders: Cindy Chang & Jim Goedert]

3:15 – 3:45 PM “Emerging” Agents & Tumors with Suspected/Unproven Infectious Etiology [Leaders: Kishor Bhatia & Mahboobeh Safaeian]

3:45 – 4:00 PM Wrap-up [Allan Hildesheim]

4:00 – 5:00 PM Surprise Activity

Note: Each of the sessions in the afternoon should consider the following questions:

- 1. What are the most important “burning” scientific questions of interest to us?**
- 2. Why can these questions be answered best by an epidemiology-based group like ours?**
- 3. Why should DCEG/NCI care to answer these questions (i.e. mission fit)?**